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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. Attached is a detailed account of a problem arising in connection with [REDACTED] President of the Corporation, will be required to testify concerning a contract his company had with the Russian government at the end of the war unless the United States Government rules that the matter is classified.

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2. Since the contract was an open arrangement throughout its life, I fail to see how it can now be considered as confidential in any way. Presumably, therefore, the court will direct [REDACTED] to testify. If so, he wishes to introduce the fact that the Government [REDACTED] endorsed his relationships with the Russians. We feel that State and Defense could confirm with [REDACTED] that they were aware of the contract from its inception and approved of it as a proper wartime measure.

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4. I recommend that we ask Defense to concur in this position and to see [REDACTED] jointly to indicate what Government backing can be given him [REDACTED]

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON  
General Counsel

Attach: Memo to Files fr Gen Counsel,  
dtd 8 June 1951, Subj: [REDACTED]

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